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## **District of Columbia State Athletic Association Release Citywide Athletic Participation Figures**

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, the District of Columbia State Athletic Association (DCSAA) released the first city-wide athletic participation figures. During the 2013-13 school year, 10,706 high school students participated in high school interscholastic athletics in the city’s public schools, public charter schools and private schools in the District of Columbia. This marks the first time the District has released a complete count of student-athletes.

“This has been a truly amazing year for interscholastic athletics in our city and it is exciting to see so many of our students take advantage of our robust athletic programs,” said DCSAA Executive Director Clark Ray. “There is no question about the importance of high school athletics to the District’s school children. Our commitment to provide these student-athletes with the best opportunities will continue, as will our goal of increasing participation in high school athletics, especially for female student-athletes.”

In all, according to data provided by individual member schools to the DCSAA, 6,923 boys and 3,783 girls participated in high school sports this school year. The number was reported to the National Federation of State High School Associations for its annual state-by-state survey.

To learn more about the District of Columbia State Athletic Association visit [www.dcsaasports.org](http://www.dcsaasports.org).

### **About the District of Columbia State Athletic Association**

The mission of the District of Columbia State Athletics Association (DCSAA) is to serve member schools and the maximum number of their student-athletes by providing leadership and support for interscholastic athletic programming that will enrich the education experiences of all participants.



The DCSAA will preserve and promote the educational significance of interscholastic athletics by:

- Providing for fair competition between member schools;
- Promoting sportsmanship and ethical behavior;
- Establishing and enforcing standards of conduct for student-athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators;
- Protecting the physical well-being of student-athletes and promoting healthy adolescent lifestyles; and
- Promoting participation of female and disabled students on member teams.

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